

a problem for Speaker PELOSI and this Congress.

Take the latest boondoggle in the stimulus bill—\$3 million for the city of Georgetown and Adams Morgan, upper income neighborhoods of Washington, DC, so that they can do, what? Install bike racks and buy 400 new bicycles for these poor yuppie elitist residents there, many of them who make six-digit incomes.

Now, to my knowledge, the Speaker pro tempore and I are the only Members of Congress who regularly ride bikes to work. I am glad. He's got a great bike. Mine isn't quite as nice, but I think it is a good bike. But we paid for them with our own money.

Why should the Federal Government have a bicycle program? Why are we going out to two of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Washington, DC and saying, hey, we are going to buy bicycles for you people? That is ridiculous, and that is part of the reason that we need to reject the Democrat budget. It spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COMPONENT PRIVACY OFFICER ACT OF 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1617) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1617

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVACY OFFICIAL WITHIN EACH COMPONENT OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 141 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 222 the following new section:

"SEC. 222A. PRIVACY OFFICIALS.

"(a) DESIGNATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For each component of the Department under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall, in consultation with the head of the component, designate a full-time privacy official, who shall report directly to

the senior official appointed under section 222. Each such component privacy official shall have primary responsibility for its component in implementing the privacy policy for the Department established by the senior official appointed under section 222.

"(2) COMPONENTS.—The components of the Department referred to in this subparagraph are as follows:

"(A) The Transportation Security Administration.

"(B) The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"(C) Customs and Border Protection.

"(D) Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"(E) The Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"(F) The Coast Guard.

"(G) The Directorate of Science and Technology.

"(H) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

"(I) The Directorate for National Protection and Programs.

"(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each privacy official designated under subsection (a) shall report directly to both the head of the official's component and the senior official appointed under section 222, and shall have the following responsibilities with respect to the component:

"(1) Serve as such senior official's main point of contact at the component to implement the policies and directives of such senior official in carrying out section 222.

"(2) Advise the head of that component on privacy considerations when any law, regulation, program, policy, procedure, or guideline is proposed, developed, or implemented.

"(3) Assure that the use of technologies by the component sustain or enhance privacy protections relating to the use, collection, and disclosure of personal information within the component.

"(4) Identify privacy issues related to component programs and apply appropriate privacy policies in accordance with Federal privacy law and Departmental policies developed to ensure that the component protects the privacy of individuals affected by its activities.

"(5) Monitor the component's compliance with all applicable Federal privacy laws and regulations, implement corrective, remedial, and preventive actions and notify the senior official appointed under section 222 of privacy issues or non-compliance, whenever necessary.

"(6) Ensure that personal information contained in Privacy Act systems of records is handled in full compliance with section 552a of title 5, United States Code.

"(7) Assist in drafting and reviewing privacy impact assessments, privacy threshold assessments, and system of records notices, in conjunction with and under the direction of the senior official appointed under section 222, for any new or substantially changed program or technology that collects, maintains, or disseminates personally identifiable information within the official's component.

"(8) Assist in drafting and reviewing privacy impact assessments, privacy threshold assessments, and system of records notices in conjunction with and under the direction of the senior official appointed under section 222, for proposed rulemakings and regulations within the component.

"(9) Conduct supervision of programs, regulations, policies, procedures, or guidelines to ensure the component's protection of privacy and, as necessary, promulgate guidelines and conduct oversight to ensure the protection of privacy.

"(10) Implement and monitor privacy training for component employees and con-

tractors in coordination with the senior official appointed under section 222.

"(11) Provide the senior official appointed under section 222 with written materials and information regarding the relevant activities of the component, including privacy violations and abuse, that are needed by the senior official to successfully prepare the reports the senior official submits to Congress and prepares on behalf of the Department.

"(12) Any other responsibilities assigned by the Secretary or the senior official appointed under section 222.

"(c) ROLE OF COMPONENT HEADS.—The head of a component identified in subsection (a)(2) shall ensure that the privacy official designated under subsection (a) for that component—

"(1) has the information, material, and resources necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of such official under this section;

"(2) is advised of proposed policy changes and the development of new programs, rules, regulations, procedures, or guidelines during the planning stage and is included in the decisionmaking process; and

"(3) is given access to material and personnel the privacy official deems necessary to carry out the official's responsibilities.

"(d) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be considered to abrogate the role and responsibilities of the senior official appointed under section 222."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item related to section 222 the following new item:

"Sec. 222A. Privacy officials."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARNEY) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 1617, the Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Officer Act of 2009. This legislation will give the Department of Homeland Security the resources it needs to accurately assess how its programs will impact the privacy of Americans.

The Department's Chief Privacy Officer was the first ever statutorily created Federal privacy officer. The goal when establishing this office was for it to serve as the gold standard for other Federal agencies as they sought to fulfill their missions, while ensuring that privacy was protected.

Building on the original intent of the privacy officer, this bill would make the Department the first Federal agency with statutorily created privacy officers in its component agencies. This will put the Department at the forefront of individual privacy protection